

Name of Rural Network

Red Rural Nacional



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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

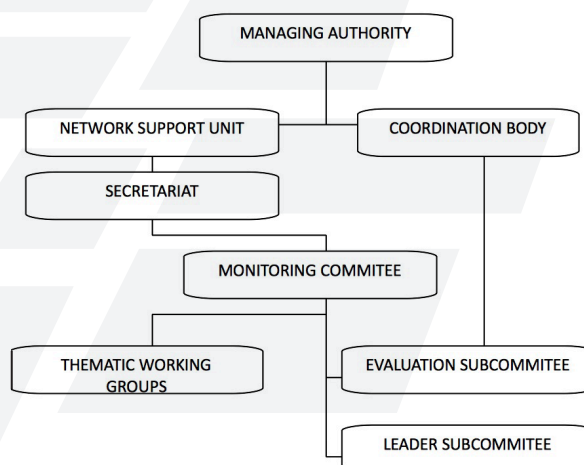
- The Spanish NRN aims to consolidate a stable cooperation framework between all actors contributing to sustainable rural development.
- The network has three main strategic objectives:
 - Improve the implementation of the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programme in the whole rural territory;
 - Increase the development capacity of rural territories and to promote a bottom-up approach;
 - Promote knowledge about the rural environment.

Participation in the Rural Network

- The membership to the network is open to both public sector and stakeholder organisations but not to individuals. The membership needs to be approved by the NRN Monitoring Committee and it is an on-going membership. On each meeting of the NRN Monitoring Committee, the proposals of new members are evaluated and voted.

Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is established within the Managing Authority and is delegated to the Directorate-General of Rural Development and Forest Policy of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment.
- The NSU gets outsourced support for some activities as communication elements, mailings or organization of events and meetings.
- The NSU's Human Resources allocation include:
 - Head of NSU:
 - » coordination and communication with the Managing authority
 - » coordination of the network membership
 - Head of team:
 - » coordination of the expert team
 - » organization of meetings of the monitoring committee
 - » contact with ENRD
 - NSU Team (6 technical experts and 3 administrative staff):
 - » Coordination of the NRN working groups
 - » Management of final products and documents
 - » Technical supervision of innovative and cooperation projects
 - » Communication activities
 - » Participation in the ENRD activities
 - » Website management

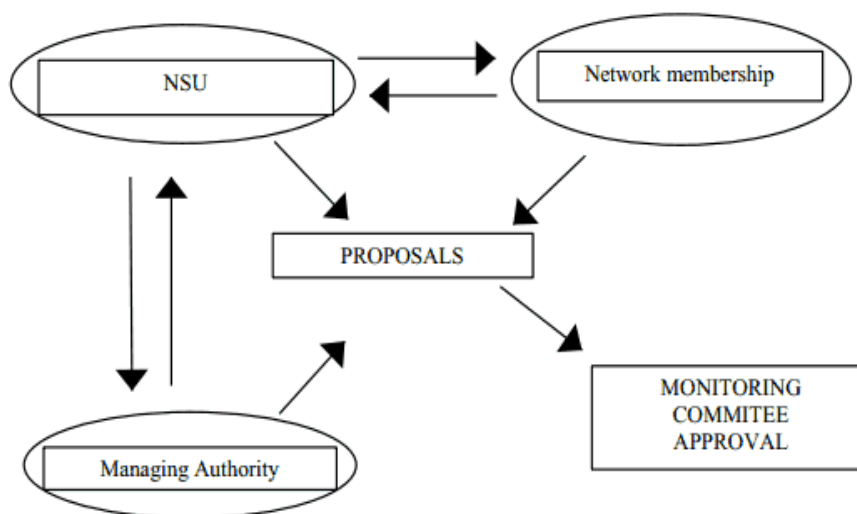


- The Spanish NRN has a Managing Authority (MA), the General Directorate of Rural Development and Forest Policy of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The structure of the network is depicted in the chart above. The MA chairs the network, while the Network Support Unit (NSU) is responsible for the functioning of the network and the implementation of its work plan, including its evaluation.
- The Permanent Secretariat organizes activities to support and promote the relations of the network with public administration and the other organizations involved.
- The Monitoring Committee is responsible, together with the MA, of controlling the quality of the Programme's implementation. Its president is the Director General of Rural Development and Forest Policy and it is composed of representatives from all the member organizations of the network as well as representatives of the European Commission.
- The Monitoring Committee is the main body where stakeholders participate and collectively contribute, examine and approve all aspects related to the quality of implementation of the programme, such as the selection criteria of financed operations, follow-up of progress in relation to the achievement of the programme objectives, continuous evaluation system, including monitoring and evaluation criteria and activities for the mid-term and ex-post evaluations, study and approval of annual implementation reports, approval of any modifications to the programme, and monitoring and implementation of the environmental impact assessment. The Monitoring Committee is expected to meet two times a year.
- The Evaluation Sub-Committee is an instrument to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and support the evaluation of rural development programming, as well as generate new and better practices for its implementation. It is composed by members of the Coordination Body and representatives of the MAs, of the Rural Development Programmes and of the Autonomous Communities.
- The Leader Sub-Committee works to exchange ideas, share experiences and debate new concepts for better communication between rural development actors in Spain. Representatives of all the Autonomous Communities and the associative networks of rural development participate in it.
- The thematic working groups were set up to support the work of the network and the number and main issue of them change according to the Monitoring Committee's needs. The following groups are currently working:
 - Transhumance (seasonal migration of livestock);
 - Good practices;
 - Gender mainstreaming;
 - Rural tourism;
 - Economic diversification;
 - New technologies in rural environment;
 - Future programming period 2014-2020.

Network Management

- The management decisions in the network involve formal decision-making processes: the Monitoring Committee approves all aspects related to the implementation of the programme.
- The NSU assist the Monitoring Committee with the preparation of all the necessary documents and analysis.

- Flow chart of the decision making processes within the Network Support Unit, Managing Authority and other relevant bodies:



- The NRN members makes a proposal (for example, the creation of a new working group) and this proposal is voted in the Monitoring Committee meeting to be approved.

Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	95.396.840	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	95.396.840
National co-finance	47.698.420	Work plan resources	81.087.314
EAFRD	47.698.420	Network running costs	14.309.526
EAFR Co-financing %	50%	Others (if appropriate)	/